

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as now presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-32 have been canceled. Claims 1-20 are active in the application.

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Claims 21-24, 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Makuch, et al.

Claims 21-24, and 27-30 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe the above-identified rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

Claims 25, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hsiung.

Claims 25, and 31 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe the above-identified rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

Claims 25, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Benzoni, et al.

Claims 25, and 31 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe the above-identified rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

Claims 26, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yoon, et al.

Claims 26, and 32 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe the above-identified rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

Claims 26, and 32 were rejected for a second time under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yoon, et al.

Claims 26, and 32 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe the above-identified rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

The above changes to the claims are self-evident from the original disclosure; thus, no new matter has been introduced.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are definite and in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

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